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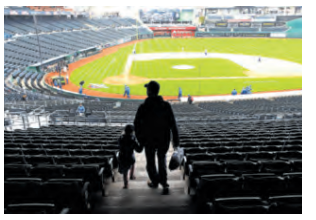
SPORTS

Homers open season

The first pitch of baseball's opening day went out of the park for the Chicago Cubs' Ian Happ, and that was just the start of a day filled with historic moments. **B1**



LIVING

Easter egg inspiration

All you need to create pastel shades at home is some food coloring and vinegar, plus a toothbrush, rubber band or a crayon if you want to make things fancy. **C1**

CALIFORNIA CRASH

ALONG COAST, MORE QUESTIONS

Deputy Bill Holcomb looks down the cliff near the crash site on the Mendocino Coast as search and rescue volunteers scour the area behind him on Thursday. *Kale Williams, staff*

The search continues for three missing children after five members of a Northwest family died when their SUV plunged off a cliff

Kale Williams *The Oregonian/OregonLive*

WESTPORT, CALIFORNIA — The California coastline scene where a crash killed at least five members of a Northwest family was quiet Thursday morning, as investigators headed back to the area to determine why an SUV plunged off a cliff 100 feet down to the shoreline below.

A line of traffic cones blocked access to the turnout on Route 1 north of the Northern California town of Westport on the rugged Mendocino Coast. Deep ruts marked the spot where a tow truck days earlier had winched the battered SUV up from the surf and over the edge of the cliff.

The crash killed Jennifer Jean Hart, the driver, and Sarah Margaret Hart, both 38, of Woodland, Washington. The Hart children killed were Markis, 19, Abigail, 14, and Jeremiah, 14.

Three of the Harts' other children are still missing, including Devonte Hart, a boy who in 2014 was at the center of a viral photo showing his tender embrace with a Portland police officer. Authorities say it remains unclear if those three were also in the vehicle, though the search has focused on whether they were possibly thrown into the cliffs or surf.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Years later, athlete still seeks answers

Student, family given little information after allegation of teammates' attack

Kenny Jacoby *For The Oregonian/OregonLive*

The scene was unusual for a Tuesday night high school basketball game in Salem.

Two police officers and two private security guards paced the sidelines. Salem-Keizer Public Schools officials joined the principals of Sprague and West Salem high schools, watching the bleachers for unruly fans. Before tip-off, a "message about sportsmanship" played on the gymnasium's video board.

These are some of the precautions the district took in January to protect Tyler Miller, a senior for West Salem, from the four Sprague players he says pinned him down and thrust a TV remote into his clothed buttocks. The allegation stemmed from 2015, when they were teammates at Sprague.

The school district last year told Miller and his parents it had "confirmed Tyler's credible account of the incident" but would divulge no more, saying officials needed to protect the privacy of the other students. The accused players, who were minors, were not charged. Each denied wrongdoing or declined to comment when contacted by The Oregonian/OregonLive through their parents.

In a time of heightened national attention to sexual misconduct and bullying, the Miller family's story highlights what happens when the rights of accused minors edge out the right of an accuser to feel heard and protected.

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